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## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS")  
LONDON, 22nd April.  
NEW SETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.  
Oklahoma in Indian territory has been opened up and 50,000 settlers have made a rush to occupy the land. It is feared among the competing settlers.

[From last received American papers, it appears that Oklahoma is the portion of the Indian Territory lying near the centre, which is not occupied by any Indians. The Indian Appropriation Bill contains a provision empowering the President to declare open to homestead settlement that portion of the lands assigned some time ago by the Congress to Oklahoma Territory. It is stated that the Government has been successful in securing the public lands that can be called a perfect agricultural region. Last month there were 25,000 men ready to rush in, only waiting the President's proclamation opening it to settlement. It is estimated that in three months there would be 25,000 more seeking lands. Some fear of a disturbance in the scramble for locations was then entertained, and the military post at Reno had been strengthened.—P. D. P.]

LONDON, 24th April.

THE PREMIER ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at Bristol, defended the policy of the Government, and pointed out the folly of increasing the tax of invasion as tending to produce hostile feelings.

He advocated an autonomous Government for Ireland.

[HAYES TELEGRAMS.]

PARIS, 17th April.

CUSTOMS DUTIES IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The Commission appointed to report on the Customs tariff of Indo-China has presented its report. It proposes the abolition of duties on Asiatic products and an increase of the duties on cotton goods. The report is being considered by the Council of State.

PARIS, 18th April.

OBITUARY.

Louis Ulbach was born at Troyes in 1822, and was a successful author and journalist. He was successively connected with the *Revue de Paris*, the *Temps*, and the *Figaro*, and was also a contributor to the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. In 1860 he started *Le Globe*, and was found and inspired for writing in it favourably to the Commune. He was the author of several novels and dramas, and was a member of the Legion of Honour. (P. D. P.)

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR WILLIAM DE VANE, K.C.M.G.

HON. H. E. WOODHOUSE, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Treasurer.

HON. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Acting Registrar.

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what has happened not only recently but in former years that this work must be carried out more effectively than it has been in the past. This part of the Ordinance enlarges the powers of the Registrar-General to make out of the section, so enables him to deal with cases in which women have been brought into the colony by fraud, or by misrepresentation, or for immoral purposes, and to require security from such custodians for the safe custody of such women or girls. It provides also for an asylum for the temporary detention of grown-up women and the education of girls of tender age.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—And for which the Council has already voted the funds.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—And which I am informed, sir, will be ready for occupation in a week. I am informed it will be finished before the Ordinance can be passed. Part 3 deals with registered and unregistered houses. It may be thought these houses should disappear altogether from an Ordinance which repeals the Contagious Diseases Ordinance, but the Secretary of the Council found it was absolutely necessary that these houses should be carefully looked after. They are no longer to be licensed. No fees are to be paid, and the houses are to be looked after by the Registrar-General. The great object is to prevent what is called "brothel slavery," and for this object it is necessary great powers should be taken and that the Registrar-General should be authorized to deal with them. Part 4 deals with the Look Hospital. The expenses of this institution are no longer to be defrayed from fees derived from registered houses. It will be supported by the Government, and the Registrar-General will be authorized to do so as a contribution to the maintenance of the Hospital. Attendance can no longer be made compulsory. Those who go will go of their own free will. They will be treated as patients, and not as inmates. Any kind of coercion to go will be used. I think I may state one satisfactory fact, which is this. When the order came to put an end to the Contagious Diseases Ordinance, every one registered expressed a wish that it should be continued, and although the Registrar-General had been before him separately and told them there was no necessity for going they were all most anxious to be kept in the hospital. Such a feeling is the object of this Ordinance. I trust hon. members will be glad to see the most excellent feeling expressed by the Registrar-General. I have no doubt if it passes through this Council it will be of great use to a class of people who are at present absolutely helpless. I move the second reading of the Bill.

HON. P. BYRNE.—Will there still be medical examination.

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HON. P. BYRNE.—Is it, if they wish it?

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